

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation provides for the establishment of the Sage Grouse Preservation Program for the purpose of showing that sage grouse may be successfully captive raised and as a result populations can be increased. This new section provides for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to oversee the certification of persons or entities wishing to participate in conjunction with the University of Idaho and other research facilities in the Sage Grouse Preservation Program. It provides for the University of Idaho to establish the best practices for the program, including any actions taken to obtain sage grouse or to release or to re-introduce them into the wild in coordination with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. It provides a mechanism for future funding and the conditions under which sage grouse may become the private property of bird farmers after the wild population has been successfully supplemented. It provides a requirement for regular review and evaluation.

## FISCAL NOTE

There will be no impact to the State General Fund. The Fish and Game department's dedicated fund would be minimally impacted with a negative impact for the administration of certification and a positive impact if revenue sources are identified and a fund is created to support the program.

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